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Editor's Note: Well, for the first time in a while we are planning to enclose some "goodies" provided by the members. The only reason that this practice was suspended was to keep the postage rates lower, but at least for one time we will just go ahead and pay the next higher rate. Have fun! Thanks go to Mill Hajek, Steve Alpert, Michael O'Connor, and anyone else I have overlooked for sending in the "freebies".

Renewals went pretty well, but it appears that we may lose about six or seven. The better news is that we have another new member this time. Welcome!

We keep trying to improve the web site, but since our skills are limited it takes time. Your comments are always appreciated (address on page two).

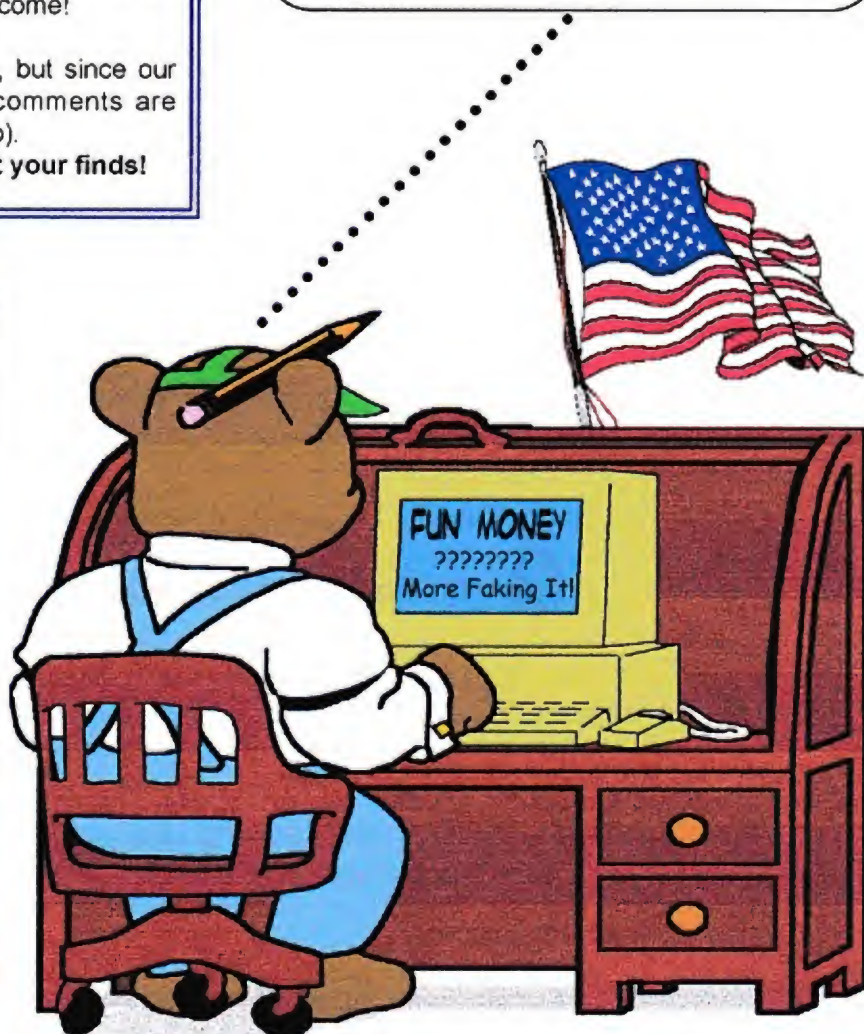
Good hunting and let us know about your finds!

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Dream Dollars

Shortly before the deadline for printing, we received an e-mail from a person who designs currency. Upon checking their web site we found some beautiful, ornate bills and an interesting story. We may do a *Fun Money* story in the future about them, but for now just check them out at: <http://www.dream-dollars.com> It is a slow loading site for those of us with a dial-up connection, but worth looking at. And you can get a free note too!



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TREASURER'S REPORT



by Barbara Phillips

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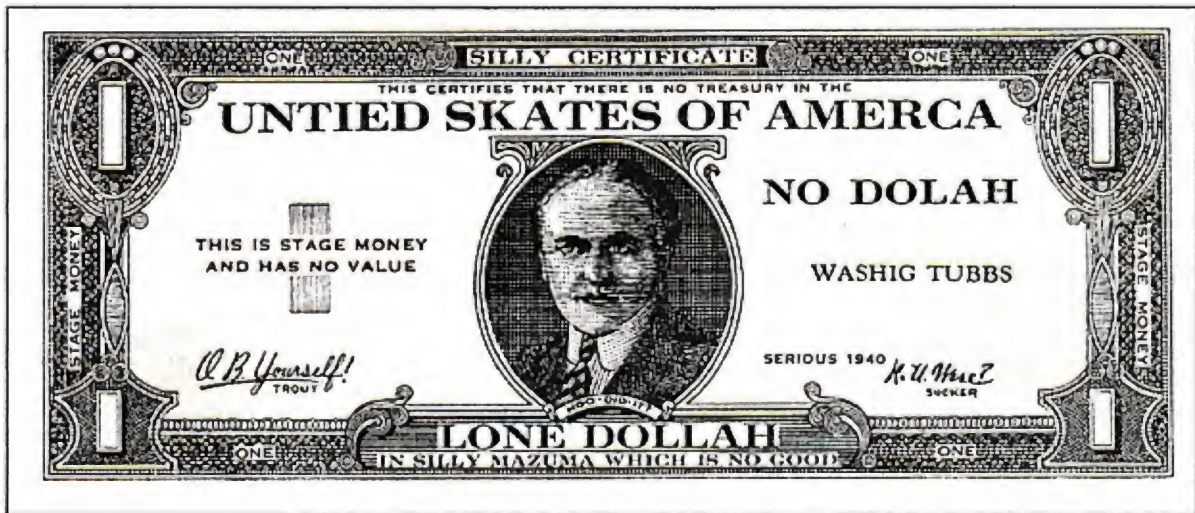
Balance as of February 19, 2002 \$ 519.03

HOUDINI STAGE NOTE

By Colin Moore

I recently acquired this very interesting note from an online auction. It has a picture of the famous escape artist and magician Harry Houdini. The inscription under the portrait says "Hoo-did-it?" and the denomination is a LONE DOLLAH – in silly Mazuma which is no good. The signatures are by "A.B. Yourself!" and "R.U. Wise?" It says "Serious 1940", but I have no way to be sure when it was actually printed.

This note was based on a real \$1 Silver Certificate (as was the Mammoth Money Folder that Jack Phillips wrote about in FM #22). The artwork looks to be all original and I believe the original note was probably done BY HAND in pen and ink! A lot of time and effort went into creating this note and whoever did it was a very talented artist.



Both sides of the note are shown here the actual size of 6 1/8 inches by 2 5/8 inches.
The front is in black print while the reverse is done in green.



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Bank of IMCO TOY update

By David Evans

Further to C. R. Clark's interesting article in issue 10 of Fun Money more toy money is known by the makers of IMCO cash registers. The inclusion of plastic coins seems to have been changed in favour of uniface card coins.

The following series has been noted:

- 50c Eagle with wings displayed as on the reverse of the Kennedy Half Dollar.
- 25c Eagle with wings displayed sitting on bundle of rods as on the reverse of the Washington Quarter.
- 10c Flaming torch as on the reverse of the Roosevelt Dime.
- 5c Monticello as on the reverse of the Jefferson Nickel.
- 1c Lincoln Memorial as on the reverse of the Lincoln Cent.

All the coins are inscribed: BANK OF IMCO TOY around the design.

The coins are printed on grey card, which is white surfaced on the design side. The four highest coins are printed in black on blue and the cent is printed in black on orange. These coins were found loose and had been used so I do not know which cash register they were supplied with.



Bank of IMCO TOY update (continued)

A further set for the USA is illustrated on the box of an IMCO Solar Powered Cash Register recently available in the UK. The illustrations on this box are small but they quite clearly show the same range of coins i.e. 50c to 1c but printed in orange on an off white background. The box also illustrates the same range of bills reported by C.R. Clark i.e. 1, 5, 10 and 100 Dollars.



Shown at the right is the label from the box.

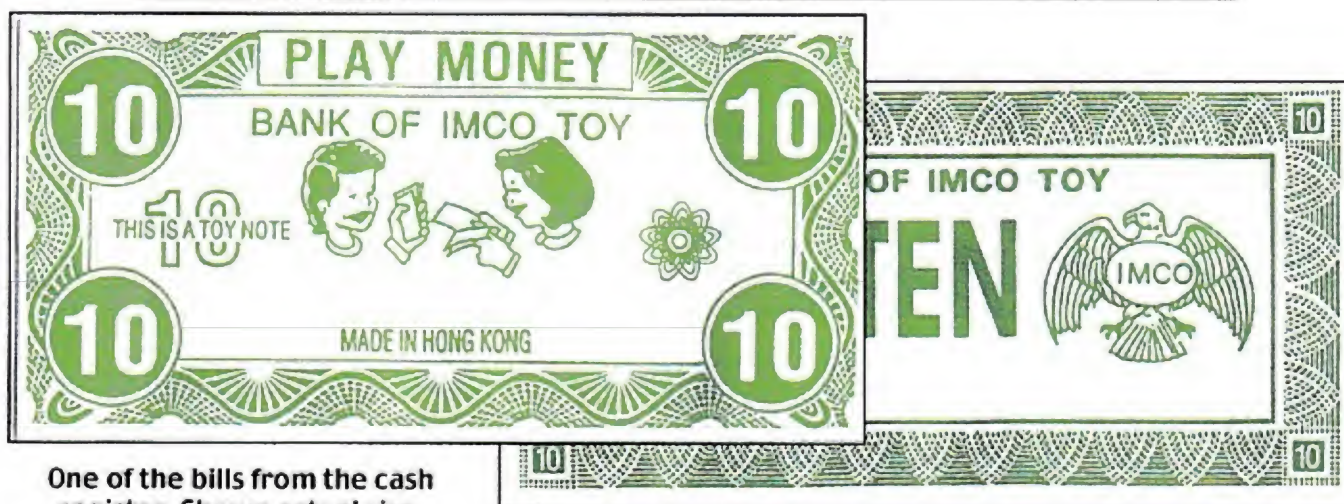


Bank of IMCO TOY update (continued)

But now we come to the quite frankly bizarre contents of this IMCO Solar Powered Cash Register box. A range of five coins with the same range of designs described above, also printed in orange on an off white background but denominated differently as follows:

- TWENTY . . . Eagle with wings displayed as on the reverse of the Kennedy Half Dollar.
- TEN Eagle with wings displayed sitting on bundle of rods as on the reverse of the Washington Quarter.
- FIVE Monticello as on the reverse of the Jefferson Nickel.
- TWO Lincoln Memorial as on the reverse of the Lincoln Cent.
- ONE Flaming torch as on the reverse of the Roosevelt Dime.

This is the denomination range of the UK's five lowest circulating coins and undoubtedly this US-UK crossover set was produced for IMCO cash registers sold in the UK. The bills, which come with these coins, are very similar to the USA types in values 1, 5, 10 and 100 but have the value in DOLLARS removed from both sides.



One of the bills from the cash register. Shown actual size.

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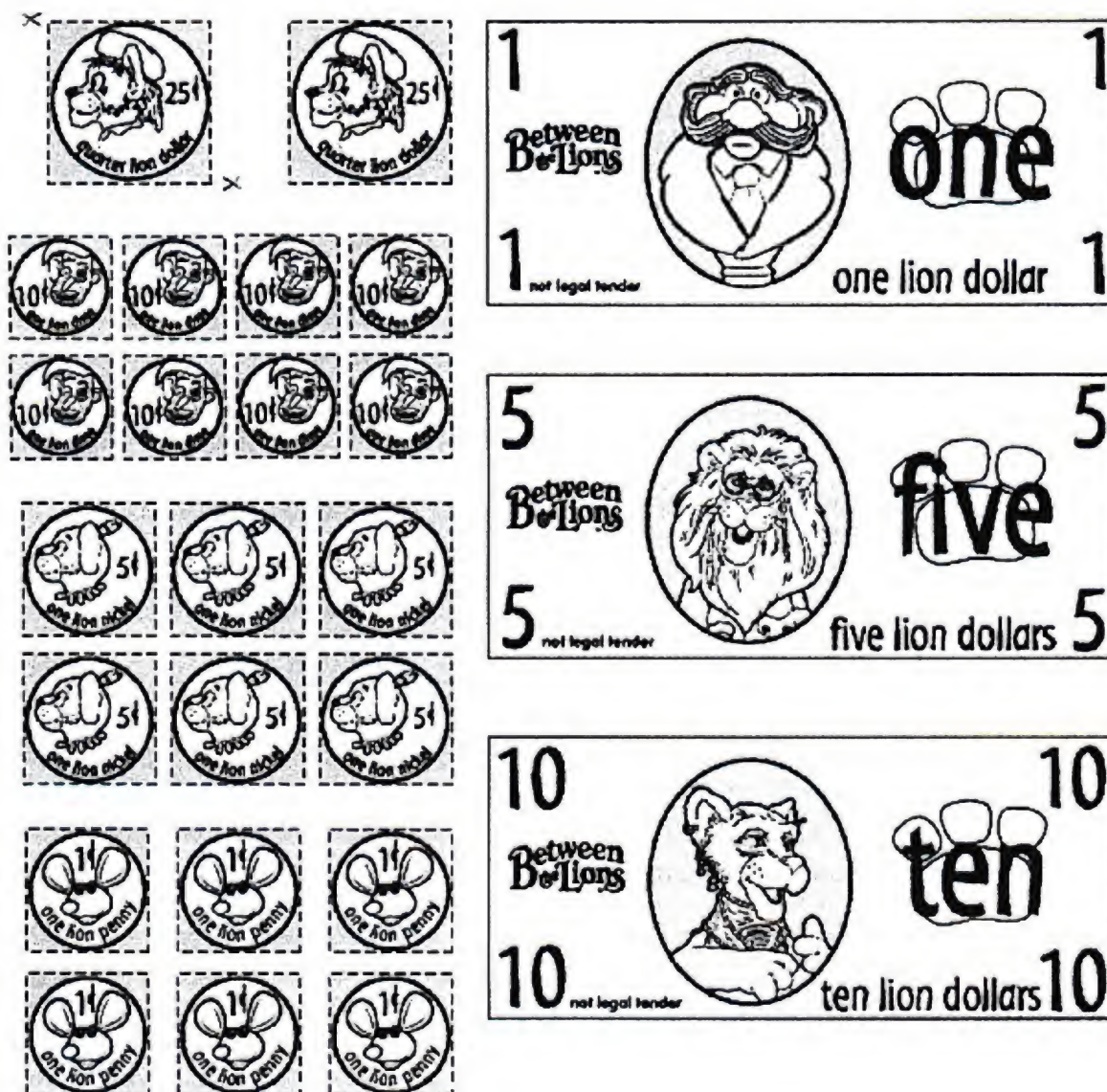
Printable Pretend Money

By Jack Phillips

While searching on the internet for some different play money I came across an interesting site at:

<http://pbskids.org/lions/printables/misc/money.html>

As you can see from the picture they have created some play money to match their "Between the Lions" web page. The only instructions were "Print and cut out this pretend money to play Shop. Learn about counting and commerce in one easy-to-print game." If the above address is too long, just go to pbskids.org/lions and it will have links from there. There sure are a lot of great things for kids (and grown-up kids too) on the internet. Keep looking since it seems to change all the time.



Shown the actual size that came from the printed web page.

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CHATHAM ISLANDS (NEW ZEALAND) NOTES

By Elmore Scott

I was in New Zealand this past spring and acquired a set of these interesting notes, which turn out to be as "monopoly money" per the Bank of NZ. These are beautiful notes with holograms, S/N, and watermarks. The bird at the right is the Black Robin, which is an endangered species.

Chatham Islands Dollars not legal tender

Apparently a private group has produced propaganda "bank notes" on plastic material. There are claims that these products have been used in actual transactions on the Chatham Islands—while this may be true, in absence of any credible reports, I believe that such use has been highly limited and confined to only few individuals. These products have no legal tender value and have not been endorsed by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand or any other monetary institution, although some newspaper articles would suggest otherwise. The term that appears on the products is "negotiable tender". As the Reserve Bank of New Zealand points out in their press release (see below), these "bank notes" hold the same status as monopoly play money or sea shells. In my view, these products hold no numismatic value.

RBNZ News Release: Chatham Islands "dollars" not legal tender

News Release, Date: 16 May 2000

The Reserve Bank today reminded those marketing so-called Chatham Islands dollars that they are not legal tender. Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Murray Sherwin said: "These so-called Chatham Island dollars are harmless as a promotional gimmick and as a bit of fun. Also, if people want to use them to undertake transactions, that's fine too, just as one can pay for a service with monopoly play money, sea shells, or bottles of beer, if the seller is happy to receive them.

"But the law does not permit anyone, aside from the Reserve Bank, to issue bank notes or anything claiming to be legal tender. The Reserve Bank some time ago indicated to the group producing the Chatham Islands notes that, so long as they didn't pretend to be issuing legal tender, that was fine. Indeed, the actual notes do not resemble New Zealand's currency and thus they have the same status as 'monopoly play money, sea shells or bottles of beer'.



Shown here is the front side of the bills.



CHATHAM ISLANDS NOTES (CONTINUED)



"However, since then in one reported statement these Chatham Island dollars have been called "legal tender" by one of the people marketing them. I'm sure this was an accidental slip of the tongue, or incorrect reporting, but I will be writing to the group just to remind them of the law in this area.

"In practical terms, a person selling goods or services is obliged to accept legal tender as payment. Nobody on the Chatham Islands or anywhere else is in any way obliged to accept Chatham Islands dollars as payment for anything," Mr. Sherwin concluded.

The following link has notes on the Chatham Islands (New Zealand).

<http://www.polymernotes.org/chathamls.htm>

Shown here is the reverse side of the bills.



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RED DOG MONEY

Another bill seen on the EBay auction site. The only information given was "used for play money for Red Dog, Miller beer". There must be some more of these around. Anybody have one?

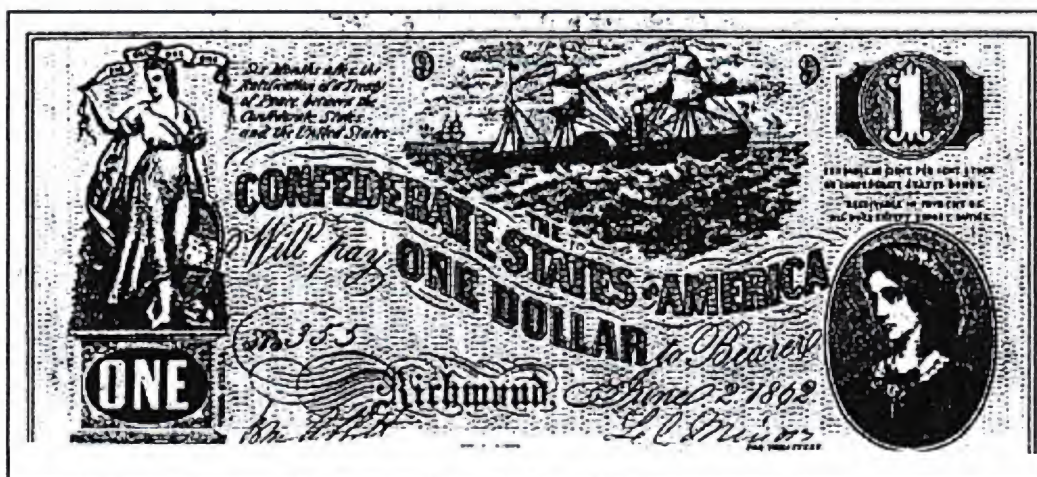


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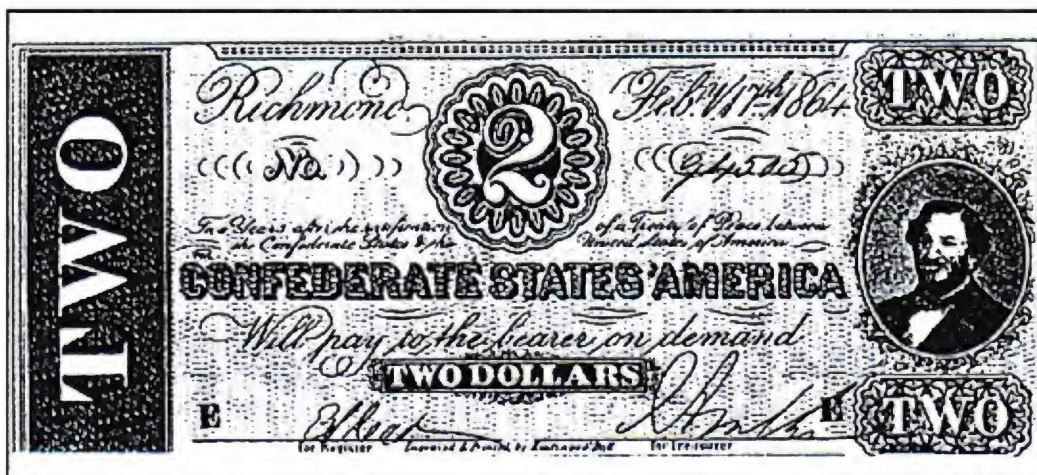
TOY CONFEDERATE NOTES FROM ESSEX!

By David Evans

I can remember as a boy in the mid 1960s buying packs of bubble gum, which contained cards featuring battles of the American Civil War and a folded Confederate bill. Rumors circulated that the notes were the real things! Of course, in reality the notes were toy money printed as part of the bubble gum promotion by A B & C Gum of Romford, Essex, England. They would never have deceived anyone who had seen genuine Confederate bills. They are mostly printed in black on a salmon pink background on white paper and the reverses are printed in black rather than blue. They are much smaller than the size of the genuine notes.



In the UK both the cards and the bills are much collected by the bubble gum fraternity. I do not know if these bills were specially printed just for A B & C Gum or if this company bought them from the USA where they may have been distributed in some other way (as this was around the time of the Centenary of the Civil War).



There are, apparently, 15 bills in a full set. They are illustrated at full size and show 14 of the notes, in order, with only number 2 missing.

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Numbers 1, 3 and 4 are shown above.

Denomination	Place	Date of issue	Serial Number
1. \$1	Richmond	June 2nd 1862	355
2. \$1	Richmond	February 17th 1864	3691 (not shown)



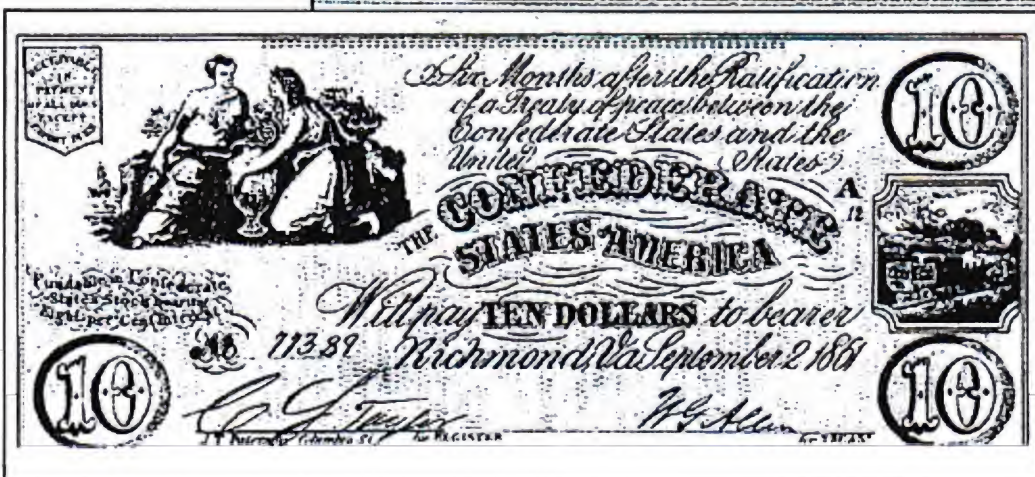
TOY CONFEDERATE NOTES FROM ESSEX! (CONTINUED)

3.	\$2	Richmond	June 2nd 1862	2473
4.	\$2	Richmond	February 17th 1864	94505
5.	\$5	Richmond	September 2nd 1861	4763
6.	\$5	Richmond	September 2nd 1861	24497
7.	\$10	Richmond	September 2nd 1861	77389
8.	\$10	Richmond	February 17th 1864	45956
9.	\$20	Richmond	September 2nd 1861	uncertain
10.	\$20	Richmond	December 2nd 1862	uncertain
11.	\$50	Richmond	September 2nd 1861	31351
12.	\$50	Richmond	February 17th 1864	59204
13.	\$100	Richmond	February 17th 1864	801
14.	\$500	Richmond	February 17th 1864	33546
15.	\$1000	Montgomery	May 28th 1861	176



1-14 are printed in black and salmon pink ink on white paper with black reverses. 15 is printed in black and grey ink on white paper with a black reverse.

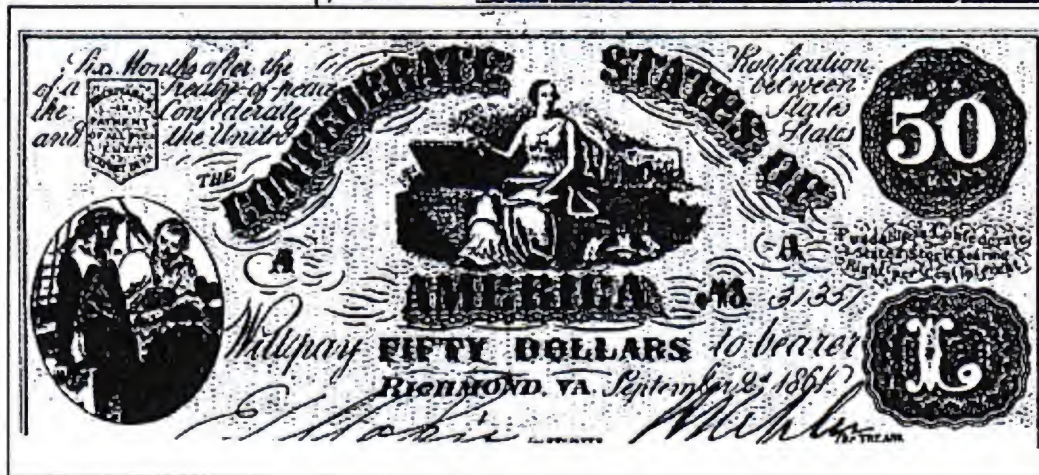
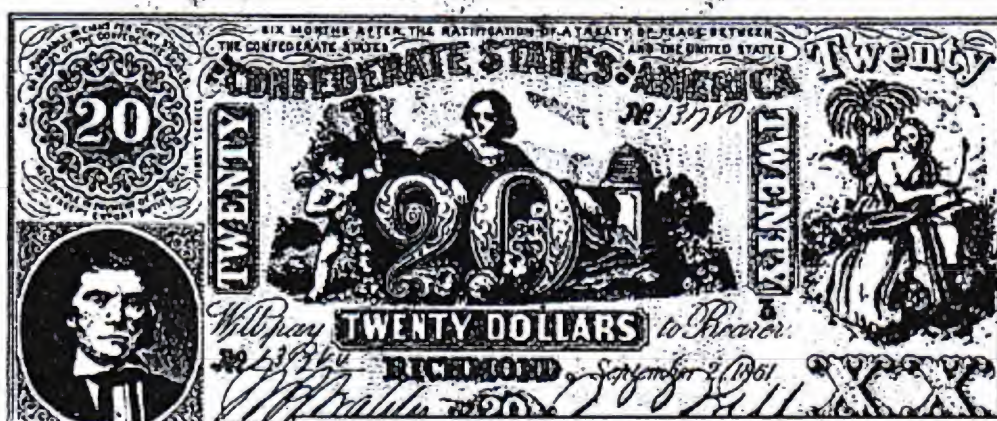
The notes are frequently found somewhat mis-cut hence the missing edges to some frames in the illustrations.



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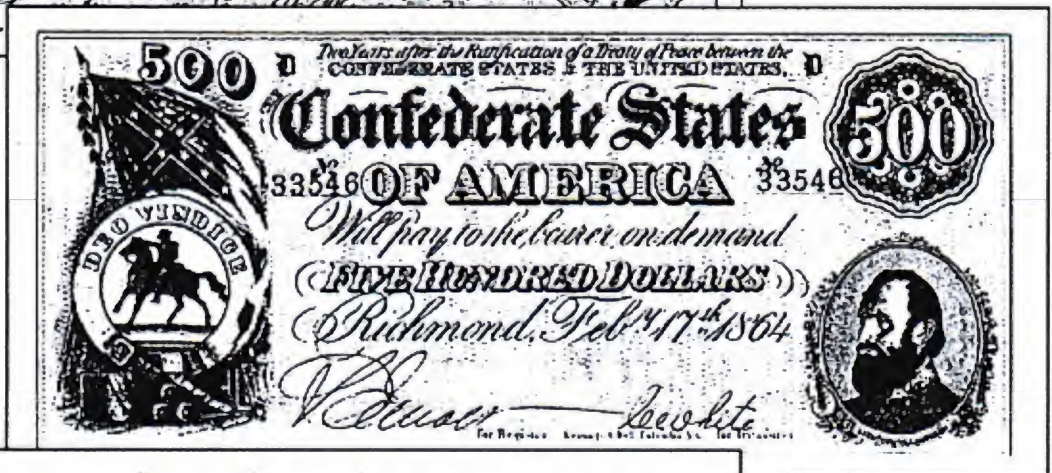
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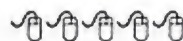
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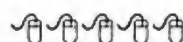
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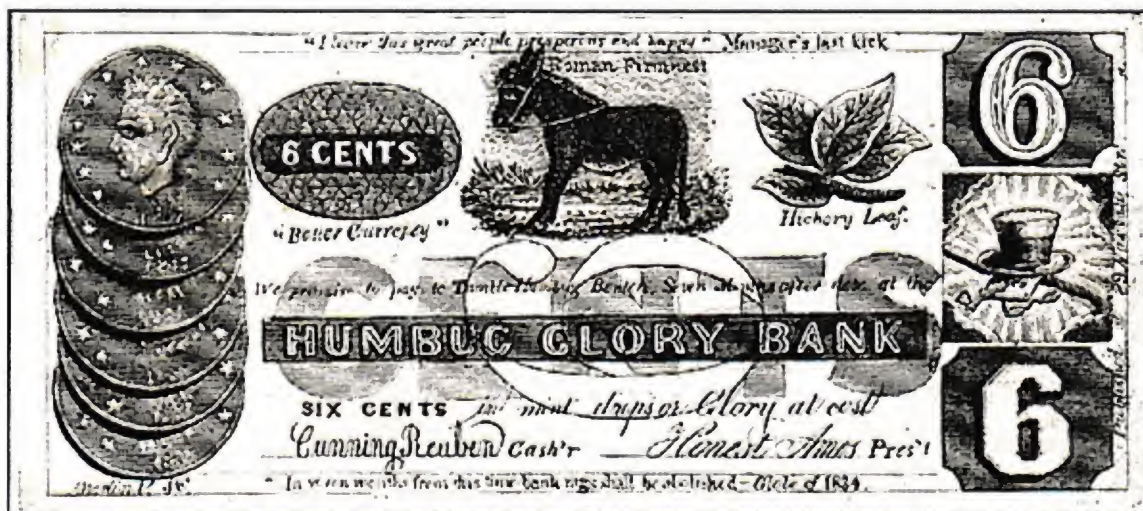


From Michael O'Connor: Re: Cinema Bucks.

My father told my brother that as a child, in the late 1930's early 40's, a short film would often be shown before the main feature at the movies. The short film was of a race. The participants would speed along in cars, boats, planes, or on horseback, etc. As the race progressed the impression was that anyone could win. If the winner wore the same number as on your movie ticket you would receive candy at the concession stand. I wonder if the "Cinema Bucks" are making reference to this?



Popeye is always popular and here is the great way to get a full set of at least one type!
 Now finding it is another matter, but it seems to appear now and then, so don't give up!



Here is still another note about which nothing is known. It was spotted with a bunch of other things in an on-line auction.

Sure is neat, however.

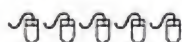
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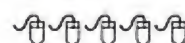
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